

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **15 December 2008**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-6, 9-20, and 23-25. Examiner objected to claims 1, 13, and 16 as being indefinite. Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 13, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hermann, Reto (EPO Publication No. EP1024626A1, hereinafter “Hermann”) in view of Walker (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0093663, hereinafter “Walker”), and in view of Traw et al. (US Patent No. 6,542,610, hereinafter “Traw”). Examiner rejected claims 3-6, 12, 14, 18-20, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hermann, Walker, Traw, and Harrisville-Wolff et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0030887, hereinafter “Harrisville-Wolff”). Examiner rejected claims 9, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hermann, Walker, Traw, and Thompson et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0022483, hereinafter “Thompson”). Examiner rejected claims 10-11, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hermann, Walker, Traw, and Thompson and Harrisville-Wolff et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0030887, hereinafter “Harrisville-Wolff”).

Claim Objections

Examiner objected to claims 1, 13, and 16 as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to amend the language that is objected to, and respectfully submits that these amendments obviate the objections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a))

Claims 1, 2, 13, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Hermann, Walker, and Traw. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Specifically, Applicant submits that embodiments of the present invention provision a network device with **provisioning information that can include application-specific information, device-specific assignment information, and**

network specific information, among others (see paragraph [0090] of the specification for support). The term “provisioning” as applied in the specification refers to credential information, network configuration information as well as other information that may be used by a member device (see paragraph [0090] of the specification for support). Thus, the provisioning information provided to the network device can:

“...also include, for example but without limitation, information such as application-dependent information, device-specific assignment information (for example, in a hospital environment, the name of the patient, the case number, or other data-acquisition information required to capture data from the device or to cause the device to operate), data base access information,”
(see paragraph [0090] of the specification)

There is nothing in the references, either taken singly or in concert that discloses supplying provisioning information to a network device where the provisioned information comprises application specific information or device-specific assignment information. It is not possible to use the system of Hermann, Walker, and Traw to provision a network device with secure credentials and with at least one of application-specific and device-specific assignment information because Hermann, Walker, and Traw disclose exchanging provisioning information that is primarily directed at securing the communication between the devices, and does not disclose exchanging any other information.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended the independent claims to clarify that the provisioning information that is provided to the network device by the provisioning device comprises at least one of application-specific information and device-specific assignment information in addition to the credentials for secure communications. These amendments find support in paragraph [0090] of the specification. No new material has been added.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 13, and 16 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also

submits that claims 2-6 and 9-12 which depend upon claim 1, claims 14-15, which depend upon claim 13, and claims 17-20 and 23-25, which depend upon claim 16, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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